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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

TO AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY MANILA IMMEDIATE

SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5470

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SRED, CB, AS

SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN ORPHANS

REF: A. PHNOM PENH 6084; B. PHNOM PENH 6120

ON RECEIPT OF REF A EMBOFF RAISED WITH DEPT OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS ISSUE OF AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION IN
AIRLIFT OF ORPHANS AND WAS REQUESTED TO POSTPONE REPLY UNTIL
MATTER CONSIDERED. AFTER RECEIPT OF REF B, EMBOFF CONTACTED
DFA AGAIN AND WAS INFORMED APR 12 AS FOLLOWS:

A) GOA HAD HAD NO RPT NO APPROACH FROM GKR ON SUBJECT.

B) IN ABSENCE OF SUCH REQUEST, GOA HAS NO INTENTION,
THEREFORE, TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR TRANSPORTATION OF
ORPHANS TO AUSTRALIA.

C) GOA DOES NOT RPT NOT INTEND TO DEPART FROM REGULAR
PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING MOVEMENT OF ORPHANS TO AUSTRALIA.

EMBOFF HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MRS. BERRY (REF A), WHO
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TELLS US SHE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH OFFICE OF PRIME

MINISTER WHITLAM. SHE SAID SHE UNDERSTOOD GKR WOULD SEND MESSAGE TO GAO APR 12, REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN TRANSPORT OF ORPHANS. SHE SAID SHE WAS CONSIDERING TRIP TO PHNOM PENH TO ASSIST IN FACILITATING MOVEMENT OF ORPHANS.

COMMENT: CONTACT BETWEEN GOA AND GKR ON THIS OR ANY OTHER SUBJECT IS NEARLY NON-EXISTENT AS AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN PHNOM PENH HAS BEEN CLOSED FOR A MONTH, AND ALL BUT ONE OFFICER IN CAMBODIAN EMBASSY CANBERRA HAVE NOW RESIGNED. MRS. BERRY APPEARS TO BE EARNEST, DEDICATED PERSON BUT HAS NO SIGNIFICANT ORGANIZATIONAL BACKING AT THIS POINT. HOWEVER, ALL MOVEMENTS OF INDO-CHINA ORPHANS TO AUSTRALIA HAVE SO FAR TAKEN PLACE PRETTY MUCH ON A BY GUESS AND BY GOD BASIS, AND THIS PROPOSAL IS PROBABLY AS WELL ORGANIZED AS ANY. ONLY WAY TO GET THIS MATTER MOVING WOULD BE FOR GKR TO SEND REQUEST TO GOA, PERHAPS THROUGH AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY BANGKOK OR THROUGH THIS EMBASSY.
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